

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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NEWS RELEASE**



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**2012 CHIGNIK AND SOUTH PENINSULA DISTRICT
TANNER CRAB SEASON WEATHER DELAY REMINDER**

In March of 2011, the Alaska Board of Fisheries established regulations that could delay the start of the Chignik and South Peninsula Tanner crab seasons based on inclement marine weather.

ADF&G will issue a news release on the morning of January 14 to inform the fleet on the status of the Tanner crab seasons.

CHIGNIK DISTRICT:

The Chignik District tank inspection and season opening will be delayed for 24 hours if the January 14, 4:00 AM National Weather Service marine forecast for the current day and night plus the following day and night in Area 155 (coastal waters south of the Alaska Peninsula Castle Cape to Cape Sarichef) contains a **small craft advisory**. If after the initial weather delay, the 4:00 AM National Weather Service marine forecast for the current day and night plus the following day and night again contains a **small craft advisory** the tank inspection and season opening will be delayed an additional 24 hours. Tank inspections and season opening delays may continue on a rolling 24-hour basis until 12:00 noon on January 25, when the season will open regardless of the National Weather Service marine weather forecast.

SOUTH PENINSULA DISTRICT:

The South Peninsula District tank inspection and season opening will be delayed for 24 hours if the January 14, 4:00 AM National Weather Service marine forecast for the current day and night plus the following day and night in Area 155 (coastal waters south of the Alaska Peninsula Castle Cape to Cape Sarichef) contains **gale force wind warnings** (35 knots or higher). If after the initial weather delay, the 4:00 AM National Weather Service marine forecast for the current day and night plus the following day and night again contains **gale force wind warnings**, the tank inspection and season opening will be delayed an additional 24 hours. Tank inspections and season opening delays may continue on a rolling 24-hour basis until 12:00 noon on January 25, when the season will open regardless of the National Weather Service marine weather forecast.

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